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EDITORIAL NOTES.

With this, the December issue, the Eighth Volume of your JOURNAL is completed. When we began publishing there were many of our members who had grave doubts that even the first volume would be completed; but we are still here and the JOURNAL will probably continue to be issued long after the original doubts or the early struggles have been quite forgotten. If you would see the JOURNAL continue to grow and to improve as it ought to improve, then help to bring about that result. The JOURNAL is almost entirely just what the members of the Society make it. If they write better papers, if they contribute good suggestions, valuable case reports, scientific reviews or editorials of value, by just that much do they improve their own JOURNAL. There are a few (fortunately only a very, very few), captious critics who find little if anything in the JOURNAL to meet their approval. But they do not count; they seldom approve anything very much, unless it is their own work or something with which they have had to do. During the year just closed, more help and co-operation have been given to the editor than in any previous years; the Publication Committee has been more active in the work of securing scientific matter of value. To all of the various gentlemen who have helped, and especially to Dr. Lartigau and to Dr. Russ, the editor wishes to express his very sincere thanks. Criticize anything you see to criticize; help all you possibly can to make the JOURNAL bigger and better; but don't knock. Aimless knocking hurts everybody and does nobody any good.

In January the legislature will begin its sessions and we should carefully consider some things in advance of that event. There always have been those who wish to break down the slight protection afforded the public by any sort of a decent medical law, and there doubtless always will be such; therefore, we may expect that bills will be introduced either creating a new medical law or emasculating the present one. Also, there may be attempts to create special licensing boards; similar bills have been introduced at every session. If it has not already been done, each and every man who has been elected to the legislature should have this matter carefully and fully explained to him before he goes to Sacramento; after he gets there the pressure of work makes it almost impossible for one to devote a great deal of time to the consideration of these questions. The medical law is a police regulation intended for the protection of the public; it is not intended for the protection of the medical profession and the Supreme Court has decided that it is not a law of that class. Special licensing boards mean only one thing—easy entrance into the practice of medicine for persons who can not or will not pass the required examination. The basis of the present law is sound and just; it requires that anyone of any school or sect must demonstrate that he knows enough of the make-up of the human body to do the minimum of harm. It does not favor any school or class but treats all alike in every particular. All bills creating new boards of examiners in any way should be defeated; all changes or amendments to the present law should be defeated. The time will come when we can establish a safe reciprocity with other states, but it has not yet arrived. The present law is not perfect, but it is about as good as anything we could get and it does furnish the public with reasonable protection against ignorance and greed. Explain these matters to our legislators before they go to Sacramento and get too busy to take time to think them over.

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SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY PROCEEDINGS.

The regular meeting of the San Francisco County Medical Society was held September 13, 1910.

The recommendation of the Executive Committee that the Society be divided into four sections, meetings to be held on each Tuesday of the month, was put to the members of the Society for vote. The members voted in favor of this recommendation, and the secretary was instructed to report to the Board of Directors for further action.

The following applicants were duly elected to membership: P. Sumner, L. A. Smith, A. Garceau, H. Damkroeger, E. Goodman, C. Johnson, D. B. Plymire, R. L. Logan, E. Lagan, T. A. Rottanzi, F. M. Sponigle, C. A. Walker, F. A. Kinslow.

The scientific program was as follows:

1—Report of a Case of Infantile Paralysis, James T. Watkins.

2—Demonstration of Kidney Plates and report of a Case of Bilateral Nephrolithiasis, W. P. Willard. Discussion opened by M. Krotoszyner.

3—Urological Atrocities, V. G. Vecki. Discussion opened by Henry Meyer.

4—Treatment of Acute Gonorrheal Epididymitis—Conservative Contrasted with Surgical, J. C. Spencer (will be published elsewhere). Discussion opened by R. L. Rigdon.

5—Remarks upon the Treatment of Impotentia Coeundi and Sexual Neuresthenia, A. B. Grosse.

These papers were discussed by the members present, and papers and discussion will appear in a later number of the Journal.

During the month of October four meetings were held. The following constituted the scientific programs:

Section on Medicine, Tuesday, October 4.

1—The Menace of Tropical Diseases to the State of California, Herbert Gunn.

2—Case Presentations by H. D'Arcy Power, Louis D. Mead, W. C. Alvarez.

General Meeting, Tuesday, October 11.

1—Presentation of a Case, Wm. C. Voorsanger.

2—Improved Technic in the Use of the Tiersch Graft Following the Radical Mastoid Operation, Cullen F. Welty.

3—Quantitative Dietetics, H. D'Arcy Power.

The following applicants were duly elected to membership: J. G. Null, F. S. Emmal, F. A. Hamlin, P. A. Kearney, C. E. Schoff, M. Nakabayashi, E. S. Breyfogle, G. S. Wrinkle, J. F. Sullivan, K. Kurozawa.

After adjournment a collation was served.

Section on Surgery, Tuesday, October 18.

1—The Open Treatment of Fractures, Chas. G. Levison.

2—General Discussion on the Treatment of Fractures, T. W. Huntington, Stanley Stillman, Harry M. Sherman, Emmet Rixford, Wallace I. Terry.

3—The Transplantation of Bone, S. J. Hunkin.

Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Section, Tuesday, October 25.

1—Exhibition of Cases, E. C. Sewall, F. A. Hamlin.

2—Streptococcus Mucosis in Acute Otitis Media, with Report of Cases, Harry B. Graham.

Section on Medicine, Tuesday, November 1.

Scientific program:

1—Presentation of Medical Cases, Wm. Fitch Cheney, Louis D. Mead, H. D'Arcy Power.

2—Case Reports, J. Wilson Shiels.

3—Demonstration of Specimens, René Bine.

Detailed reports of these proceedings will appear in a later issue of the Journal.

General Section, Tuesday, November 8.

Scientific program:

1—Metastases of Carcinoma in the Ovaries and Pouch of Douglas, Julius Rosenstirn.

2—The Modern Conception of Functional Nervous Diseases with Special Reference to Neurasthenia, Gilbert V. Hamilton.

3—Demonstration of Tropical Protozoa (trypanosoma, spirilla and spirochetes), Dudley Tait.

In accordance with the by-laws, the President presented a list of thirty nominees for the Board of Directors for the ensuing year. Nominations being received from the floor, several other names were added to the list. The members will no doubt by this time have received their ballots with the names of the candidates; they are to vote for twenty-one and return their ballots to the office of the Secretary at their very earliest convenience. The following are the nominees:

Milton Abrahamson,
Harry E. Alderson,
René Bine,
Adelaide Brown,
J. Henry Barbat,
Frank B. Carpenter,
George E. Ebright,
George H. Evans,
Jule B. Frankenheimer,
W. Scott Franklin,
Henry Walter Gibbons,
Louis Gross,
Herbert Gunn,
Samuel J. Hunkin,
Philip Mills Jones,
Wm. Watt Kerr,
H. B. A. Kugeler,
C. G. Kenyon,
A. J. Lartigau,

Chas. G. Levison,
Milton B. Lennon,
Howard Morrow,
Herbert C. Moffitt,
Edward Giles McConnell,
Thos. D. Maher,
Harry R. Oliver,
Arthur A. O'Neill,
Wm. Ophuls,
H. D'Arcy Power,
Julius Rosenstirn,
H. A. L. Ryfkogel,
Emile Schmoll,
John C. Spencer,
Harry M. Sherman,
Dudley Tait,
W. S. Thorne,
W. P. Willard,
Fred H. Zumwalt.

The following amendment to Article III of the By-Laws was adopted:

ARTICLE III.

Section 3—The San Francisco County Medical Society shall be divided in three sections, i. e.:

1—Medical. 2—Surgical 3—Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat.

Sec. A—The officers of each section shall consist of a chairman, vice-chairman and secretary and such other officers as the section shall deem advisable, who shall be elected by the members of the section at the regular annual meeting in December and shall serve for one year, or until their successors are elected.

Sec. B—Only registered members of a section shall be entitled to vote at the annual election of section officers.

Sec. C—Duties of section officers: The chairman shall preside at all meetings, and shall co-operate with the Secretary and the Executive Committee of the Society in the arrangement of the section program. The vice-chairman shall preside in the absence of the chairman, and perform his duties when called upon. The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the section, and make a written report to the annual meeting of the Society in December.

Sec. D—Meetings: Each section shall hold one monthly meeting, i. e.:

Medical Section—1st Tuesday of each month.

Surgical Section—3rd Tuesday of each month.

Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Section—4th Tuesday of each month.

NOTICE.

Several of the case reports and papers are herewith published. It is the intention of the Secretary of the San Francisco County Medical Society to publish in full the transactions of the Society.

Society affairs which augured well for the Society for the coming year.

Dr. Hunkin read a paper on "Polio-Myelitis," giving very extensively symptomatology, treatment and affect of the disease as well as the surgical correction of the deformity left as the result of the disease. The paper proved to be one of unusual interest and the same subject would be discussed next month by Dr. Langley Porter of San Francisco.

The Committee on Ethics recently mailed to all the members the copy of the enclosed letter and are endeavoring by every possible means to stamp out the practice of abortion.

B. F. WALKER, Secretary.

Stockton, Cal., September 23, 1910.

Dr. B. F. Walker, Stockton:

Dear Doctor:—About a year ago, as you are aware, our Medical Society incorporated. One reason for doing so was, that we might adjust our affairs in a more business-like manner and handle cases which come before us with a greater facility. We, the Committee on Ethics have recently had brought to our attention the fact that certain members of our Society are doing abortion work. Such conduct is a disgrace to the medical profession and we are going to use every effort at our command to root it out. Already certain members have been asked to appear before us to answer certain informal charges which have been preferred against them. If they are innocent it will be an easy matter for them to prove their innocence, and they will be glad of the opportunity to vindicate themselves. If they can not answer satisfactorily our report will be taken before the Board of Directors and formal action will be taken against them.

This is not a personal matter with us, but as members of the Committee on Ethics we have been instructed to do away with this and other dishonorable practices in our midst to the best of our ability.

We want the help of every innocent member of the Society, and with that help we will raise the standard of our profession here.

JAMES P. HULL,
CHARLES REES HARRY,
A. M. TOWER,
W. J. BACKUS,
E. A. ARTHUR,

Committee on Ethics.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY.

The regular monthly meeting of the Santa Clara County Medical Society was held Wednesday evening, October 19, in the parlors of the St. James Hotel; Dr. J. J. Miller presided.

After the routine business of the evening was finished, Mr. Charles G. Titus, a member of the international committee of the Y. M. C. A., addressed the meeting on some phases of the Y. M. C. A. work of interest to medical men, showing many photographs of gymnasiums, swimming pools, etc., found in some of the well equipped buildings now in use in different cities. After Mr. Titus' talk the society, by unanimous vote, endorsed the movement now on foot in San Jose, to put up a properly equipped Y. M. C. A. building.

Dr. P. A. Jordan then presented a very instructive paper on "Some Borderline Cases of Ear Disease," being a discussion of some of the commoner ear troubles that are often treated by the general practitioner.

Dr. Wm. Simpson then presented a paper on "Diagnosis of Eye Diseases Without the Use of the Ophthalmoscope." This paper was also of great interest to the general practitioners present.

Dr. E. R. Wagner, president of the Santa Clara County Medical Society, is absent from the city visiting some of the eastern cities, and looking over some of the prominent eye and ear hospitals. Dr. Wagner also intends to take up some special studies in Europe, chiefly in Vienna.

Dr. D. A. Beattie, who has been ill for the past two weeks with a severe attack of bronchitis, has recovered sufficiently to leave town for a short while for rest and recuperation.

Cooper College Science Club.

The regular monthly meeting of the Cooper College Science Club was held on Monday, Oct. 3rd, 1910. The scientific program was as follows:

I. Exhibition of Medical Cases. Chas. Minor Cooper. Discussion—Drs. Shiels, Luttrell, Rixford, Alvarez, Sewall.

II. A Case of Tubercular Ulcer of the Leg Treated by Electrolysis and Zinc Chloride. E. C. Fleischner and H. H. Yerrington. Discussion—Drs. Rixford, Alderson, Cooper, Yerrington.

Refreshments were served at the close of the program.

California Academy of Medicine.

The regular meeting of the California Academy of Medicine was held July 26, 1910.

A paper was read by Dr. H. T. Sherman entitled "Rupture of the Liver, Intestinal Obstruction and Subphrenic Abscess Opening Into Left Pleura." This paper will be published in a later number of the Journal.

Dr. Howard Morrow presented a patient with Dermatitis Herpetiformis and Arsenical Pigmentation.

The last meeting of the Academy was held August 23, 1910.

Dr. W. B. Lewitt read a paper entitled "Report of Five Cases of Infantile Pyloric Stenosis Treated by Repeated Lavage." This paper may be published at a later date.

Dr. Kugeler read a paper reporting three cases of Carcinoma of the Eosophagus.

These papers were discussed by the members present.

Notice!

The Register and Directory for 1910 was delivered in November.

Please look through your copy and advise us of any corrections or changes of address.

Please give us the benefit of your criticisms or suggestions for future editions.

facts continue the use of these poisons which at least must undoubtedly leave their impression on the delicate organisms of infants and induce tendencies which may develop into the evil habit of drug addiction.

The bulletin contains a list with a photograph of the "original packages" of some of the soft drinks containing caffeine and cola leaf extracts, to which it is not uncommon to find persons addicted. It also mentions some of the harmful nostrums advertised as cures for asthma, catarrh, cold, coughs, consumption, epilepsy, and the tobacco habit, and states that some physicians in their prescriptions in treating these diseases and in attempting to cure the "drug habit" itself, often prescribed the very remedies that have produced the conditions which it is proposed to relieve.

This bulletin can be secured by writing to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., to any Senator, Representative, or Delegate in Congress, or it can be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., at five cents per copy.

NOSTRUMS IN A NEW GUISE.

Some time ago an advertisement of an alleged mineral water, or rheumatism water, was sent to the Journal, and in the absence of the editor it was inserted for one issue. The statements appeared to be a little peculiar, so the matter was referred to a chemist of national reputation for his opinion. It should have been published long ago, but the letter got mislaid. In part he wrote as follows:

"I have read the advertisement of the so-called mineral water which appeared in your Journal, and I think that it is the 'limit.' It is, of course, not a mineral water at all, but instead a rank nostrum. The claims as to its curative value are extreme. The statement of composition is intended, evidently, to hide its real nature. The first substance mentioned, 'diaethylendiamin,' is the chemical name for 'piperazine.' With the second substance mentioned I am not familiar, but should not be surprised if they are trying to refer to 'phenacetin' in such a way that physicians shall not understand them. Chemically, 'phenacetin' may be called 'anido-acet-para-phenetidin,' and it is quite possible that they are trying to refer to this in a disguising way. What 'phenetidin' is, I don't know.

"This product is a good illustration of a general tendency in patent and proprietary medicines. During recent years, patent medicines have come into disrepute with the public—largely, I think, through the exposures in Collier's Weekly. As the result of this, 'cargon' and its thousand or more imitations have been an immense success. 'Cargon,' as you know, is claimed not to be a patent medicine, but instead a 'simple remedy.'

"As the public is becoming suspicious of patent medicines, so the physicians have come to distrust the proprietary remedy; and, as a result of this, manufacturers are no longer putting up typical proprietaries, but instead are selling so-called ethical pharmaceutical preparations which they try to make the physicians believe are not subject to the criticisms which have been made against the proprietary nostrums. Your 'mineral water' is an example. Physicians would hesitate to use a solution of piperazine and something else—but in the guise of a mineral water they are liable to consider it all right.

"The rheumatism water is evidently a sister of Lehn & Fink's piperazine water, referred to by Solman in his article on the 'Aims of the Council' (see J. A. M. A., Feb. 29, 1908, page 704)."

ARMY MEDICAL CORPS EXAMINATIONS.

The Surgeon General of the Army announces that the first of the preliminary examinations for the appointment of first lieutenants in the Army Medical Corps for the year 1911 will be held on January 16, 1911, at points to be hereafter designated.

Full information concerning the examination can be procured upon application to the "Surgeon General, U. S. Army, Washington, D. C." The essential requirements to securing an invitation are that the applicant shall be a citizen of the United States, shall be between twenty-two and thirty years of age, a graduate of a medical school legally authorized to confer the degree of doctor of medicine, shall be of good moral character and habits, and shall have had at least one year's hospital training or its equivalent in practice after graduation. The examinations will be held concurrently throughout the country at points where boards can be convened. Due consideration will be given to localities from which applications are received, in order to lessen the traveling expenses of applicants as much as possible.

The examination in subjects of general education (mathematics, geography, history, general literature, and Latin) may be omitted in the case of applicants holding diplomas from reputable literary or scientific colleges, normal schools or high schools, or graduates of medical schools which require an entrance examination satisfactory to the faculty of the Army Medical School.

In order to perfect all necessary arrangements for the examination, applications must be complete and in possession of the Adjutant General on or before January 2, 1911. Early attention is therefore enjoined upon all intending applicants. There are at present seventy-six vacancies in the Medical Corps of the Army.

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